MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 2021

Attending	Dave Schank, Joe Schwarz, Dean Berglund, Tom Pachner, Dick Strassburger, Ted Carlson, Gregg Sperling.
August 2, 2021	Meeting opened: 6:36 pm Meeting closed: 9:01pm
Treasurer Report	Same as last month plus interest. Raffle license renewed.
Monthly Membership Meeting Planning	• August - No Meeting Picnic on August 14th will be our monthly activity. The club will not provide food because of COVID. • September 29th - First in-person meeting- Topic ARES Communication by Brian Jansen KC9GMW How to get started in ARES? What do they do? Starting with this meeting there will be a new Zoom meeting link. • October 28th - Meeting HF digital overview. Find a presenter. Gary W9XT. Joe Taylor. • November 18th - Stealth antennas- Dick will find presenter • December TBD Discuss at the next board meeting • January 27th Possible Meeting topics ARRL LOTW Intro to satellite/Cubesats Antennas QRP Anything Electronics related. Digital HF Modes/ How to? Create a series from overview to operations. Live or can demos. Gary K9DJT MSK144 presentations. APRS/Packet HOA Ask KERMIT for ARRL resources. ARES/ Emergency Communications Demo of tuning Tube transmitters and amplifiers.

Swapfest	Working on staffing and logistics. Investigate food truck vendors to provide food. We have several door prizes. Other ham events are going on August 28th.
ARISS Project	Next meeting 8/7/21. A progress report was given on preamp mounting. Antenna boards will need to be reassembled and mounted to the antennas. Discussion about streaming or Zoom ARISS meetings.
Newsletter	**Q3 Newsletter content:** ● From the President's Shack ● Treasurer's Report ● Board of Directors Meetings Summary ● (Articles based on Committee Reports) ● Activities and Projects (ARISS Update) ● Summer Picnic (annct) ● MRAC & MAARS Swapfest (annct + sponsors) ● Technical Article (IC-7300 enhancement) ● Hams Helping Hams (promo) ● Ham Radio Boot Camp (flyer) ● Join In The Fun (testimonial needed) ● Membership News (and Did You Know survey item, and Club history request) ● Upcoming Meeting Schedule (note: return to in-person) ● VEC Testing ● Officers, Board, and Trustee ● Club nets Create a blog on the website for articles. The newsletter would contain a truncated version with a link. Looking for members to write an article about volunteering in the club.
Membership Committee Update	Next committee meeting 8/5/21 - Reviewing the membership flyer. Create a postcard to send out. - leveraging relationships (past members, who you know)

	- leveraging resources (nets, repeater users, programs) - reaching newly licensed - Working on T-Shirts design for Gold Medal Ideas.
Hams Helping Hams	Dean did make contact with the first HHH contact. He is not ready to get help yet. 3 inquiries for the HHH program.
Ham Radio Boot camp	- VEC Support is supporting the boot camp. - ARRL Support - Our section manager is supportive and will mention it in his section newsletter.
Marketing Committee	- Facebook: Page vs Group (closed vs shared communication) Phasing out the Facebook page to Group. The board agrees to create a Facebook group for the club. This will allow for interaction between club members. The page will be phased out over a period of time. Dave is against the elimination of the Facebook page. Greg voted present. - Club announcements via MailChimp (meetings, events) Target sending announcements out the 3 days before the scheduled email.
Repeater/Technical Committee	- Repeater usage guidelines - Posted in the G drive BOD files. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fzrpmsn8h9yzm7tMRLPUCagLghe_75PD/view?usp=sharing. Dick has written an updated version. Board will review at the September board meeting. - Fusion usage guidelines - Needs to be created.

	-- WIRES-X usage and what to do about it. Dick presented a report on WireX usage. - Net Control subcommittee -Gregg KB9E Net survey: Inquire with membership about expectations surrounding nets
New Business	West Allis Club swapfest. Mike WO9B asked if the club was interested in helping with the January 2022 swapfest. It was discussed and we wanted to see how many volunteers we had for our fest. We will continue the conversation.
Next Steps	Dave to contact W9XT or K9DJT about Digital HF modes for October. Dick will look for a presenter for stealth antennas for November. Dave to work on Fusion guidelines.

Submitted by Dave Schank KA9WXN